



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Tribulation Period

BY THE EDITOR

In studying prophecy there is much stress put on the second coming of Christ. Sometimes we forget there is one other person who is to make his appearance under the guise of peace that thousands confuse with the coming of Christ. This person is known as Antichrist. He is sometimes referred to as Satan but this reference is a mistake, he is not Satan but is actuated by Satan himself and is Satan's greatest representative. He is the one person in whom the spirit of the devil dwells and Satan uses him as his masterpiece to defeat God's plan of redemption and to overthrow and stamp out every trace of the love of Christ that is planted in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. This is a mysterious and terrible personage that shall be revealed in the last times. He is called by different names and it is only by careful examination and comparison of these names that we can understand who is referred to.

REFERENCE TO HIM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Dan. 7:8, "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

History gives an account of the destruction of the kingdom of Alexandria. He had conquered almost the known world and finally died drunk. His kingdom was divided among four of his gen-

erals. After the dividing of this kingdom there was one who became strong and more powerful than the others. It seems that they allied two and two. One weakened down and the other one took his part of the kingdom. In the process of time there was one great general who seemed to be master and he finally put down the other three.

Dan. 8:8-14 gives a description of this great king who had conquered the whole earth but when he became strong his horn was broken and for it came up four little horns and out of one of them came forth one little horn that waxed exceedingly great toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. This little horn represents a personage who came on the scene one hundred and seventy-five years before Christ. He was the greatest persecutor of the Jews ever known. It is said that he killed 40,000 Jews in and around the temple and banished 40,000, and was known as Antiochus Epiphanes. He is believed by many to be Antichrist. At least, he certainly is a type of Antichrist and there is yet to come one who will answer his description and persecute the Christians who are left after the rapture.

Dan 8:23-25, "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and

shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

These verses describe the power Antichrist will have to solve the problems that are now confronting this world. He will be able to satisfy the craftsmen in every nation, and make everything prosper. This is the man that the coming of Jesus will have power to destroy, and Christ will set up a thousand years' reign.

Dan. 7:13, 14 describes Jesus' coming and the destruction of Antichrist.

TRIBULATION WEEK

Dan. 9:20-27 describes Daniel's vision. Seventy weeks was determined upon God's people, the Jews. In forty-nine weeks (seven years) the Jews were to return from their Babylonian captivity. According to history and scripture this has taken place. It was sixty-two weeks (434 years) from the time of their return until the crucifixion of Jesus. All Bible scholars know that this actually took place according to prophecy. From the crucifixion of Jesus until the rapture is known as an indeterminate period.

Dan. 9:26 (latter clause), "And the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are

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Notices

CHANGES in STATE OVERSEERS' ADDRESSES

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CHANGE IN CONVENTIONS

We have learned that the building we had planned to hold the Chattanooga-Soddy districts convention in is not suitable for the occasion, so we are having the Soddy convention at the Dividing Ridge church on the date announced (May 14-16) and postponing the Chattanooga district convention until June 25-27 (place to be announced later).

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

The state convention will begin Thursday night, June 10, and close about noon Sunday, the 13th. On Friday we plan to have a trip through the Girls' Homes and the Boys' Farm of the Church of God orphanage, also the Publishing House and the NEW STATE PARSONAGE.

Out-of-state ministers and workers have a cordial invitation to attend. Beds will be furnished free to all delegates and out-of-state visitors. Meals will be served on the grounds at reasonable prices.—M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee.

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There will be a rally day at the Church of God at Shooting Creek, N. C., Sunday, April 25. Everybody is invited. Bring a well-filled basket. We are looking for God to bless in a special way and a number of preachers will be there.—Humbly, L. J. Stone, pastor.

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We have a tent stretched just west of main highway and on Rt. A, about four miles north of Griffin, Ga. We started a revival Sunday night and the interest is good. Please pray that God will give us a glorious revival and a Church of God at this place. Everybody is invited. Ministers passing through are invited to stop and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us. Anyone desiring to write us, our address is Griffin, Ga., Rt. A, care of A. F. McKnight.—J. E. Marion and wife.

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The Indiana state convention will convene at Shelburn, Ind., May 20-23. Free entertainment for everyone attending this convention. Many out-of-state preachers and laymembers will be there. We are also expecting our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, and our Superintendent of Edu-

cation, Zeno C. Tharp. We are praying God, who will be the best visitor of all, to be with us. We are expecting Him to give us the greatest convention in the history of the state. We are inviting everyone who can be there. You are welcome and above all, bring the Blessor with you.—Your brother, W. M. Morrow, state overseer, Box 31, Ossian, Ind.

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A revival began at Bethel church April 24. All neighboring churches are invited to come and help us. The church is better known as Melrose church. Brother Sam C. Perry is in charge.—W. W. Ball, pastor, Lake Park, Ga.

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The Urbana district convention will convene at Urbana, Ill., June 4-6. We invite all neighboring districts to come and join us. Let's push and pull and see God's church move forward.—C. E. Richard, district pastor.

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The Pulaski district meeting will convene at the Pulaski church June 25-27, J. L. Dorman, state overseer, in charge. Come, bring your music and pray for this to be the greatest district convention we have had yet. Begin praying now. I want a complete report made by each pastor on all lines. Don't forget the date, June 25 at 8:00 a. m. to 27th at 10:00 p. m.—W. B. Davis, district overseer, Pulaski, Va.

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The Sunday School banner goes to Kannapolis, N. C. with an increase of eight hundred and five for March, Brother H. L. Whittington, pastor.

The Y. P. E. banner goes to Erwin, N. C. with an increase of two hundred and two for March, Brother Winters, pastor. Canton came second with an increase of one hundred and forty. Most all of the Sunday Schools in the state made an increase. Y. P. E. clerks, please notice, don't send me the form blank unless you put the total attendance for the month. All I want is how many you had present for the month.—G. C. Hamby, state secretary of Y. P. E. and Sunday School, Lenoir, N. C.

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The Ranger, Tex., district convention will convene May 7-9. We invite the district pastors of other districts, as well as pastors, evangelists, and others who can come. We are expecting to set a church in order just before the convention. The church at Ranger is going over the top for Jesus.—Roy J. Young, district pastor, Ranger, Tex.

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To the ministers and laity in Arkansas: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I noticed in the last issue of the Evangel that we had decreased two in subscrip-

tions. Come on, let's boost the Evangel. Let's increase instead of decreasing. I am sure it will be a blessing to our churches. I'm expecting every church to be one hundred per cent at the state convention, and remember, if there is any one who needs my service, I am ready to serve. Let's pray and work that this will be the best year that Arkansas has ever had. If there is anyone who would like to have a revival, write me. I have several evangelists who are ready to go. May God's blessings be upon every one of you.—Your humble servant, Odis Smith, state overseer, Nettleton, Ark., Box 116.

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The Lenoir, N. C. district Y. P. E. and S. S. convention will convene at Lenoir, N. C., May 7-9 inclusive. The nearby churches are invited to attend. Everybody is welcome. It begins Friday night at 7:30, the 7th.—T. C. Franklin, state Y. P. E. and S. S. supt., Box 6055, W. Asheville, N. C.

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To all the Church of God in Alabama acting under the direction of Brother Harwood: I am making this appeal to you in behalf of our radio program. First, I would like to say that this program has always been a great blessing to the Church of God in Alabama. Brother Harwood has received many cards in and out of the state in regard to the program. We feel this is a great opportunity for the Church of God in Alabama to spread the news of Jesus and His love to the lost world. Remember, Jesus said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. Now by keeping this program on the air the gospel will go into the countries and towns where we, The Church of God, have not yet been. Oh, that God will touch your heart and cause you to see this. I am sure you have noticed that there has not been any appeal for money made from the broadcast. Well, here is our plan to support this program, if each one will do his part. There are seventy-five churches or more in working order in Alabama. If the pastor of each church will raise one dollar or more each week and send in for this purpose, there will be no trouble in keeping it on the air. Since the program has been changed to six o'clock (6:00 to 6:30), it will be cheaper. It will cost only \$60.00 a week now. Please don't pass this up lightly. Pastors, evangelists, members, and friends, think of the many thousands it will reach. Read. Ezek. 33: 7-16. Send your offerings to Frank Johnson, 1000 S. Bessemer Road, or M. D. Harwood, Box 196, Pratt City, Ala. May the Lord bless you.—W. J. Shumaker.

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The Maine Music and Bible School opens July 4 at Appleton, Me. The open-

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Pray One for Another

JAMES CLARK

James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

I am so glad to know that some one prayed for me the effectual fervent prayer that touched God's great kind heart. There's no doubt in my mind but that others' prayers have helped me many times to overcome the fiery trials of the enemy. Often in our testimonies we ask the prayers of our brothers and sisters. You never know how much good your prayers will do the one that asks them, neither do you know the sorrows or temptations which are his. I heard about a man feeling the spirit of prayer. He went before God and poured out his heart to him. While he was praying there was a man whom Satan was tempting to take his life, but he couldn't because one of God's warriors was praying for him. Therefore, the victim of sin felt an impression to go to a certain place and there he found God's servant praying for him. He went down before God and the "old man" really died instead of taking his life as he so shortly before intended to do.

The same writer that gave us our text said to bridle our tongues. Many times if we are not careful when we see a brother make a mistake we will make remarks about it to others, but that isn't God's plan at all. He says, "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death." Oh how we should hold one another up to the throne of grace by our prayers, especially our dear pastors or counsellors, that they may give us the spiritual food that it will take for us to live good Christian lives. It may be a good thing to do as David said in Ps. 55:17, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Some people may say that they have a prayer on their heart all the time. That is wonderful, but we have to pray that effectual fervent prayer, as the prophets of old, to do the will of God. Jesus Himself cried with a loud voice when He wanted a thing done. Wouldn't it be grand if we could bind ourselves together with that great love that Jesus wants us to have, and be of one mind and one accord? There is no limit to the signs and wonders that would follow us.

I surely praise God for the way South Cleveland is bound together with love, and for the good pastor who feeds us on

the Word of God which stirs our pure minds and brings about that great unity of the Spirit.

Knowing the crime that is in the world and how hard Satan is trying to send souls to hell because he knows his time is short, we ought to pray more earnestly for our brotherhood and poor lost, doomed sinners, keeping them from yielding to the ungodly crimes that are happening today. We haven't long at the longest. Life passes away like a vapor. Let us stand still and see the salvation of God. Look out over the great fields that are white to harvest and pray the Lord to send laborers out into the vineyard.

Some say they weren't cut out for a preacher or to get up before the public. I believe that His Word says for us to work according to the proportion of our faith. If you are not called to some of these offices just pray for those who are and help the gospel to be spread so the Lord will come and take us home to glory. Doesn't it make your heart glad when you have prayed for some soul so many times and then see your prayers answered? I have heard testimonies given where wives would pray for their husbands for years before they were saved. God says He is not slack concerning His promises. He does not always answer prayer at once or as we think He should, but He says His ways are high above our ways. Let's pray and let God answer in His way. If God, through prayer, gave famine and rain, deliverance from the lions' den and the fiery furnace, He will also deliver the tempted from their fiery trials through the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man.

My wife asked me why I chose this subject and why I was writing at all. I have never written before. I just see the need more and more every day of us coming together as one great family and helping to bear one another's burdens. Lift up the fallen ones, have compassion on one another in our afflictions and show our real fellowship toward one another. Let's every one be on the equal. God is not going to let that haughty one who thinks he is better than some one else, go up in the rapture, because He says He hates a proud look and that He is no respecter of person and that the one who shows respect of persons commits sin. Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is ours and we are His. He says, Seeing the heaven and earth is going to melt with a fervent heat what manner of man ought we to be in all holy conversation and

godliness, and again, Therefore we ought to take the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip. Let's stand in the way and inquire for the old path and let the gospel be a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway and walk in the light as it shines. Won't it be wonderful when we hear the good deeds read off over in glory. Brothers and sisters, I am a young minister and I guess that is the reason I feel the need of your prayers so much. I need the prayers of every Christian in this world, and covet them. I have a burning desire to tell the lost world about Jesus anywhere, everywhere the Lord may lead. If Christ is only there, I am willing to follow.

Praise God for His wonderful message of love, the One who hung between heaven and earth, on the tree, and said, "It is finished." That opened a way for you and me to have this wonderful blessing. Praise His name forevermore.

The Lord Healed

I praise the Lord this evening for healing my little granddaughter, Marie Robinson, five years of age only, but she really has faith in the Lord. Last spring she was healed of fever when she was very sick, but as her parents had gotten medicine and were giving it when the Lord healed her, through our weakness, for fear the fever would come back on her, we continued to give the medicine, so the Lord permitted it to come back on her.

Just a few days ago she got sick again. She still says the Lord healed her last spring and wanted us to lay the paper on her again in the name of the Lord. We did so. She vomited a time or two after we laid it on her and in a little while she began to say she felt a lot better. She called for her shoes, put them on herself, got up and sat on the 'bed for a few moments. Soon she was eating and playing as if she had not been sick. She is still well and hasn't taken any medicine yet. May the Lord bless and strengthen her in faith, help her to live for Him that through her life souls will be brought to God.

All saints pray for my children and companion. I desire an opportunity to be in services for the Lord. He surely wants us to assemble ourselves together in service for Him and be somewhere working for Him.—Mrs. Ida Robinson, Shaw, Miss., Rt. 1, Box 153c.

The minister who depends upon his positional authority as the ruling authority in his work will try to be a lord over God's heritage and will soon lose his scepter and rule himself out.

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another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James is telling the people how to get healed. First, if there is anything in our lives that is faulty or wrong it should be confessed, and while it is true that sometimes we transgress against our fellowman and confess to him yet we are sure the confession here is to God, and without we would confess to God our confessions would not be worth much. After everything is cleared between us and God then we should fervently pray to the Lord for the healing of the bodies of those who make requests to us, and James says the fervent pray will be effective and our people will get healed. There is a letting down on divine healing today. Every minister in the Church of God ought to be able to trust God and ought to be able to get his prayers through for others. This is one way to contend for the faith. This is a part of the doctrine delivered to the early Church. Jesus healed the people wherever He went, and He sent the twelve and seventy out to preach the kingdom, heal the sick, and raise the dead, and they came back and said the devils were subject to them and Jesus said, Rejoice not that the devils are subject to you but rather that your names are written in heaven.

✻ Editorials ✻

THE CHRISTIAN'S EARNESTNESS

Heb. 2:1. *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.*

One of the things that is hindering greatly today is the careless way in which people hear the Word of God. It seems that they soon forget the teachings and allow the things of the world to influence them and fail to be as sincere as they should be.

The second verse of Hebrew 2 says, "For if the words spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

If we are to be held responsible for our neglect, I am afraid many will be under condemnation. That is one of the plans of the enemy to cause us to be careless and neglectful. Let us take more earnest heed to the things we have heard, remembering that the storms of persecution will soon be upon us and God is our only refuge.

EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Jude writes to the Church and says, Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

I wonder if our people are seriously considering this admonition as coming from one who seemed to be aware that many were neglecting to hold up the true standard as once delivered unto the saints. If there ever has been a time when we should be deeply in earnest about teaching the whole truth and standing for everything that God's Word prescribes, it is now. The Church should be greatly

alarmed at the lax condition that is now taking hold of the Christians of the world and go forth with renewed energy to stand for the whole Bible rightly divided. There are so many people who seem to be careless and are failing to stand for the whole Bible. God help us to renew our energies and study our Bibles so that we will be able to teach the whole truth. A congregation or church that will teach the whole truth of God will not be popular with the world but I am sure they will be ready when Jesus comes. The minister should not have in mind the praise and commendation of those they preach to, but they should be interested in whether or not their messages do please God.

EARNESTLY PRAY TO GOD

Luke 22:24-26. *And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And Jesus said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.*

Here the disciples were expecting that Jesus would set up a temporal kingdom and they were earnestly desiring position, but Jesus tells them that the Gentiles exercise such authority and lordship, but His people should not be so. This certainly must have been a rebuke to those disciples that were expecting great positions. It is not position that we should desire now but real, loyal service to God. When we get to the place where we are willing to serve regardless of price, God will honor us and we will be a blessing to the world. We should not be like other denominations but we should put forth every effort to be a blessing to those about us and trust God for our support.

PRAYER

James 5:16. *"Confess your faults one to*

CARE OF THE SAINTS

2 Cor. 7:6, 7. *"Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.*

Here the Corinthian church is comforted by Titus who was a minister. The whole church seemed to take on new life and become fervent in the Spirit. Titus also spoke highly of Paul and his teaching which was encouraging to the people of Corinth. The best way to encourage and help folks is to preach the Word as it is written and say a good word concerning our brother ministers, especially those who have been laboring among the people that we are visiting. The strict adherence to the Word, true fellowship and love one for another will bring victory and power when everything else fails.

LOOKING FOR JESUS

2 Cor. 5:2, 3. *"For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked."*

Here the writer is describing the sorrow (Continued on page 15)

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by Sam C. Perry

Deeper Salvation Experiences Needed

What we mean by a deeper experience is a bigger, better spiritual life; a greater degree of God's presence and blessing in the heart and life; a closer application to all the things that He enjoins upon His followers. Faith, love, humility, true devotion to the Lord, and all that goes to constitute true Christian character are at too low an ebb among us. We live too far from the source of our supply of grace. There needs to be a drawing nearer to God and a closer union with Him in the power of the Spirit. This need appears:

1. In the ministry. That we all need a deeper consecration, a closer conformity to God's Word, a more intense prayer life, a greater burden for souls, and the spiritual interest and progress of the cause of Christ in general, none can deny. The progress of the Church is up to us. A tree has its tender growth, blossom, and fruit in the top, and at the ends of the branches, and it is here that it begins to die. So it is with the Church. When the ministers, its highest order of members, become fruitless and dead the church weakens and dies. No church ever progresses beyond its ministry. While there is a Moses, Samuel, Nehemiah, Paul, or a Wesley, the truth of God goes forward, but without leadership God's hosts get nowhere. Then to your knees, to your knees, O gospel ministers!

2. In the Church officials. Church boards, councils, and deacons, should be the backbone of the Church spiritually. When the Twelve said, "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:1-8), was it not for the purpose of making their ministry more effective, and that the work of the entire Church might be carried forward more vigorously and successfully? When church officials become dictatorial, self-centered, and get out of the Spirit, they are often a hindrance and a nuisance instead of being a help. How much it would help the spirit of the whole Church if we had an intense revival of deep spiritual blessing and Holy Ghost power in the ranks of the deacons and church boards.

3. In the church exercises and programs there is room for improvement. In many cases they could be conducted in a

way to make them more spiritual—that is, a means of more help and blessing to those present. If our worship services are for the purpose of meeting God and of improving our relations to Him, then all that we can do to make God and His grace real to the people should be done—and that which hinders this object should be omitted. God will give wisdom and guidance on this line.

4. In the Church music and singing there is room for improvement. I mean that there is a need of weeding out and rejecting certain kinds of music and singing from our spiritual services, if we expect God to work among us, and to develop in us that deeper, higher type of spiritual life, with the blessing and power in which we profess to believe. Not all religious songs and singing are spiritual. Ours should be. We should always endeavor to make them so always.

5. The laity in general needs a deepening on all spiritual lines, not merely more outward demonstration, but that inner heart improvement which is back of all true, spiritual demonstration. Prayer, more prayer, with great humility and confession before God will help. Let us leave nothing undone that will help to bring about a move toward this. We should all work to that end. There is need of a great, deep, scriptural, Holy Ghost revival everywhere. The key to that revival is in our hands. Will we use it? Prayer, faith, and obedience, a sufficient amount of these will bring a revival.

6. When this great deepening revival comes there will be more power and influence to reach out after men and women about us. Jacob's prevailing prayer meant "power with God and man." Pentecost meant a satisfying portion for those receiving the Holy Ghost, and power to speed the message of life on to others. God is depending on His people to carry the message of life to the lost world. How well we are saved ourselves will determine our success in reaching others.

Be Faithful in Family Prayer

Every family should have an altar. There the children should learn to pray. Parents should also pray with the children and for them. Husband and wife will find rich blessings in forming a daily habit of praying together, each one praying aloud.

Foreign Missions

If we do not read, we do not know.
If we do not know, we do not care.
If we do not care, we do not pray.
If we do not pray, we do not pay.

The Greatest Discovery

Marvelous discoveries and inventions have been made by man, but this poor world needs something that science cannot provide. Steinmetz, the great scientist in the realm of electricity, made this statement: "I think that the greatest discovery will be along spiritual lines. Here is a force which history clearly shows has been the greatest power in the development of men and history, and yet we have been merely playing with it, and have never seriously studied it as we have the physical forces. Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness, and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God, of prayer, and the spiritual forces, which as yet have hardly been scratched. When that day comes the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has in the past four."

Many Have Found

Truths—but not the truth.
Forms—but without spiritual power.
A ministry—but not according to the gospel.
A profession—but with no possession.
A dogma—but with no living faith.

Common Days

One of the chief dangers of life is trusting occasions. We think that conspicuous events, striking experiences, exalted moments have most to do with our character and capacity. We are wrong. Common days, monotonous hours, wearisome paths, plain old tools, and everyday clothes tell the real story. Good habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The vision may dawn, the dream may awaken, the heart may leap with a new inspiration on some mountain top, but the test, the triumph, is at the foot of the mountain, on the level plain. The workshop of character is everyday life. Thank God for a new truth, a beautiful idea, a glorious experience; but remember that unless we bring it down to the ground and teach it to walk with feet, work with hands, and stand the strain of daily life, we have worse than lost it, we have been hurt by it. The uncommon life is the child of the common day, lived in an uncommon way.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD

By J. H. INGRAM

This writing finds me in Panama—the crossroads of the world, having cleared Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador, in the course of my second world-mission tour.

Brother J. H. Walker, the General Overseer, accompanied me as far as Guatemala, Central America. Although I have known Brother Walker for several years, this was my first opportunity to be directly associated with him in the work. I found him to be a very humble man. He, also, is a good mixer—using tact in contacting new people—which, combined with a good personality, makes for a splendid traveling companion in the gospel. I was only too sorry that he could not continue with me on my other globe-girdling tour.

It is approximately 4,500 miles from Cleveland, Tenn. to our mission headquarters in Totonicapan, Guatemala, C. A., that is, by rail. I believe Brother Walker was seven days and eight nights continually traveling by express train to complete the trip. I was six days and nights going from California. So no one will get Central America confused with the Central U. S. Brother Walker said to me, after traveling several days, "My! it's a long way down here; it did not look so far on the map."

The trip was a most interesting and varied one, as respects the scenery. The route followed took a zigzag course touching both oceans at different places. First, we were traversing hot tropical plains by the sea, then up into the mountains—some of them more than 18,000 feet high—to view the land of the eternal snows. Next thing we know, down, down, down we go, until the train is soon passing through dense tropical jungles—a veritable paradise for wild life. Then once again we ascend into the vast mountain reaches, this time passing burning volcanoes—especially the mighty smoking "Santa Maria" that might well remind one of "the gates of hell." There are numerous hot springs on all sides, with hundreds of the natives washing clothes and bathing almost nude. Arriving at our principal mission station in Totonicapan, we are up near the 9,000 foot level, and surrounded by big pine forests, with icy cold streams plunging down the deep gorges in torrents. Strange enough, we suffered with cold, though

way down here in the Torrid Zone. It is the elevation above the mean sea level, of course, that accounts for the abrupt climate change in this instance. The days were very pleasant, but the nights were cool, often cold.

A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

The trip to-date has been a successful one, though the enemy has contrived in many ways to prevent any good coming out of it. To begin with both of us were sick with colds, and having to sit up so many nights on the road and eating native food most of the way, made it harder. Had I obeyed my feelings I would have returned with Brother Walker to the States. Also, I have had difficulty in getting passage on the European section of my trip, on account of so many people going to England for the Coronation of King George VI. Then there was a problem getting passport visas, etc., to enter the various countries, adjustment of fares involved and a dozen other things to hinder, it seemed. However, the Lord has undertaken in a special way, and often blessings have come disguised as trials.

Our first stop was a brief call at the mission in Nogales, Arizona-Mexico where we joined in with a few of our folks who met for prayer while waiting for the train to leave.

From here we went to our mission headquarters in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, where we spent a few days in meeting. A number of the people from the outstations met with us, and we enjoyed great blessings from the presence of the Lord. The people were greatly blessed through the visit of the General Overseer. I think three received the Holy Ghost during the time. Our next stop was in Mexico City where the writer delivered two messages in Spanish and acted as interpreter for Brother Walker, who was greatly blessed in giving out the Word. The power of the Lord came down upon us in such a manner that we could scarcely talk in English or Spanish, we were so filled with the ecstatic praises of God. Brother Walker was often moved to tears throughout the trip, he was so impressed by the moving of God's Spirit in the midst of these dear people of Latin America.

Brother Walker spent nine days with us in Guatemala, visiting a number of our missions before sailing for the U. S. Just like Sister Atkinson and Brother Gonzales and others in Mexico, Brother

and Sister Furman, our missionaries, as well as our native brethren, seemingly did everything possible to make our stay not only pleasant, but profitable. One thing noticeable was the wonderful unity that prevailed. The people there surely love Brother and Sister Furman, and all together they seem ready to make any sacrifice to see the work go. It was a novel sight indeed, with four of us on the floor at the same time, reading and preaching on the same subject in three languages. For example, Brother Walker was preaching in English, with the writer reading the Spanish text and with Brother Furman interpreting in Spanish, while Don Jose Maria Enriquez passed it on to the people in the Quiche dialect. Our work being largely among the aborigines made it all the harder to carry on the work of evangelism, but God is helping us in a great way. For although the work of the Church of God is hardly three years old, we have in round numbers a thousand members. We are all united in our faith that great and lasting good will come from this visit of the General Overseer to Central America. I hope that you good brethren back home will not feel hurt in any way if Brother Walker could not for any reason concur with you in the dates set for your conventions during this time. Also I trust you will not think he is getting down to the point too close in dealing with the subject of missions, for we must agree that we have come up short on this line, at least we could have done more in most cases. And I want you to pray for me. The devil has never tempted me to go back from serving the Lord, but since the Lord has given me a ministry that is world-wide in its scope, with its great and grave responsibilities attendant, I have been sorely tempted to ease out of the limelight thrown upon the world-stage of evangelism, and follow some other line of lesser resistance, perhaps settle down to pastor a little church somewhere that no one "feels called to." I had just been home long enough last time to get acquainted with my little baby boy—who did not know what it was all about—then I had to break away with some, especially the little ones, prostrated with grief. Since the General Overseer left me and returned I have been afflicted with the real "home-sick blues," if any of you know what that is.

IN CONCLUSION

After Brother Walker left me, I continued in Guatemala another seventeen days, visiting several other places for meetings, including the new work opened up to us in the southern part of the Republic near the El Salvador frontier. Our work is spread out considerably, it being nearly 300 miles in the most di-

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I would advise every minister that can't attend B. T. S. to take the Corres-

pondence Course.

Brother Jenkerson, I want to thank you for the personal interest you have taken in me. Sometimes the lessons were hard and my time limited but your personal letters encouraged me so much. The Lord bless you in every way is my prayer.—A booster for the Correspondence Course, J. L. Ball.

The Lord Will Preserve

Scripture Reading, 27th Psalm

Text: Ps. 27:14, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

We have before us a subject which comes to many today—a time of discouragement from persecution and afflictions entering into the home. Some have already been taken away from the home and we have already gone through the jaws of death.

Do not forget, though every one fails you, God stands by you for the Word tells us He is our strength and our shield (Ps. 28:7) and I know He will preserve you from all harm.

We have our enemies against us and we must fight the battle alone with God as our helper, but thank God, I have found that when every thing else fails us we can go to God for we find in Deut. 31:6, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Many have gone through trouble, hardships, and trials, and have failed to look to God for help but have turned to some earthly friend, putting trust in them and they have failed them. We find in Micah 7:5, "Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide." But whom shall we trust? Ps. 118:9 says, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

In these last days we have our own household turning against us but we must hold to God to prove ourselves worthy of His love for we find in Matt. 10:26-38 that they will turn against us, but if we love father, mother, son, or daughter more than Christ, or if we take not up our cross and follow Him (not our household) we are not worthy of Him.

It becomes a natural thing for humanity to nearly faint and turn cold against God when death comes into the home and takes a loved one. I have heard many say He is not a merciful God and they faint from the love of God. Ps. 27:13 says, "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." We must look on the bright side of life, as the old saying is, "Every cloud has a silver lining."

Thank God for the silver lining.

Have we the confidence in God that David showed? He placed faith in Him anywhere and at all times. Can we say that? Can we look to God for help in time of trouble, persecutions, afflictions, and even lean upon His arm that is never shortened, for comfort and help in time of sorrow? If we can, we can make sure He will never fail us. What a consolation that when every one fails us God never fails. In Rom. 8:31 we find, "If God be for us who can be against us?" Let us wait on the Lord and be of good courage.

My prayer today:

God help us to-day to trust Thee for all things, help the needy, heal the sick, lift up the fallen, encourage the broken-hearted, come to the rescue of those in trouble, comfort those in sorrow and reach out a helping hand for our young boys and girls who are going through these perilous times and help them all to look to you for strength to go through this world of sin.—Correspondence Student, Georgia M. Schultze.

Course Has Been Helpful

Dear readers, I praise our great Redeemer for this great salvation. Words would fail to express the blessings He has bestowed upon me these five years I've been serving Him. I want to do as Paul said, run this race with patience and win the prize that's just ahead. I feel that Jesus is about to make His appearance and I want to pray and live close to Him and be ready.

I am grateful to the Lord for making it possible for me to take the Correspondence Course, as I am deprived of going to Bible School. I can never express what this course has meant to me. I thank Brother Jenkerson, our instructor, for being so kind and helpful in every problem. I urge every young person who doesn't have the privilege of attending Bible School to take this Correspondence Course. You will find it helpful in your Christian experience.—Mrs. Mamie Shipley, 412 Harper St., North Chattanooga, Tenn.

Revival

STATESVILLE, N. C. — We have come to the close of another good revival in Statesville. Twenty-two were saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. Many were blessed. The church was almost filled every night and some nights it could not seat all who came. The writer preached the first week and Brother D. R. Robinson preached the last two weeks. The revival closed Sunday night with the altar full. Pray for us.—Ray Collins, 1420 Boulevard.

Reports

Easter Services Enjoyed

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—Dear readers, it is with joy and praise to our heavenly Father that I make a report of the wonderful time we had Easter Sunday in an all-day service. At the regular hour we had Sunday School followed by preaching by our pastor, Brother Teaster. He delivered a wonderful sermon which was food to our hungry souls. At the noon hour a large table was prepared, and oh, the good things on that table that the people had prepared was enough to satisfy the hunger of all. There was plenty and to spare.

At one o'clock the meeting was called to order by Brother Teaster. Following this was a testimony service conducted by Brother Burkey and Brother Humphreys. One and all enjoyed the singing of Brother and Sister Burkey. At the close of this service Brother Perry Fillers preached for us. I feel that everyone enjoyed these Easter services. At five o'clock we adjourned. Some went to their homes while some remained at the church until evening service. We desire the prayers of all God's people.—Your sister in Christ, Alice Craven, clerk, 303 N. Irish St.

Pleased With Our Efforts

MT. VERNON, Ill.—The work here is moving on. God is blessing us with fine crowds and He is pleased with our efforts. Since January the Sunday School has increased from thirty-five to one hundred thirty. We have taken the district banner two months straight. Our Y. P. E. has an average attendance of twenty-five each Sunday evening with fine programs.

We desire your prayers that God will pour out His blessings on us and that we will stay humble and in the will of God.—Your humble servants, U. E. Hopkins and wife, pastor, 1406 S. 10th St.

I've Found a Friend in Jesus

GEORGETOWN, Ohio.—I praise God for what He is to me. After spending almost forty-five years of my life in sin He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and He still abides.

Dear ones, I have met with many trials and tests since I have been saved. Sometimes my cross seems almost more than I can bear, but oh, what a friend I've found in Jesus. I know He understands it all. Please pray for me that I

will stay true to God and be willing to do His will regardless of the cost.

It is forty-five miles to the nearest Church of God. I don't get to go very often. Oh, how we need a church here in this country. There are so many people here who have never heard holiness preached. I just feel so burdened for their souls. There's a large church house here but the man who owns it has locked the door and refused to have church or Sunday School. I know that God knows our needs, so please pray for us that God will open a church door and send us a Church of God preacher and a Holy Ghost revival.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Haley Maynard, R. R. 1.

Wonderful Miracle Wrought

PINEVILLE, Ky.—To the Evangel readers and saints everywhere, I wish to announce a miracle of divine healing which God has performed on my little granddaughter, Deloris Johnson. She had infantile paralysis and at the age of three her limbs were so useless and limber they would lay in the position left in until moved by some one.

About six years ago a man by the name of Waldon Asher, a holiness preacher of Essie, Ky., came by our house and prayed for her and anointed her in Jesus' name with olive oil. He said after he had prayed for her that if she lived she would walk, and thank God, she did walk. Inside of three weeks she was walking and has been a normal, strong, active child ever since. She still remembers her affliction and asked me the other day who healed her and I told her that the Lord healed her through Brother Asher's prayers, for which we are very thankful indeed.

I am a Christian member of the Methodist church. Brother Asher also prayed for my eyes and I was so greatly benefited through his prayer that I could read small print after ten years of partial blindness which had prevented me from reading without glasses. I am confident this man's prayers will help you if you are afflicted or sick and you could see him or write him. He will gladly pray for you in honor of Jesus and His healing power.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Annie Johnson.

Has Loyal Band of Young People

Dear Evangel readers, greetings. I feel that I have something to report that will be interesting. This is my sixth year in pastoral work and I have never had an experience of this kind before. Perhaps some of you have.

A few Sunday nights ago a young lady came to the rostrum and said, "Brother Roberts, I worked out thirty-seven dol-

lars when I was fourteen years old (she is now eighteen) and I want to pay tithes on it." She said, "I have all my tithes paid but this and I want to have a clean record." This girl has a wonderful experience in the Lord. She states she got light on paying tithes in 1934 when R. P. Johnson ran the camp meeting at Canton, Ga.

We have the most loyal band of young people here of any place I have pastored heretofore. They certainly do work with the pastor. Our motto here at this place is "Helping the lost find Christ."—Yours for the old-time gospel, James S. Roberts, pastor, Canton, Ga.

Obedying the Lord

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo.—Dear saints, I praise Jesus this morning for healing my face of some kind of breaking out I had for over a year. It kept getting worse all the time.

I live twenty-three miles from the nearest Church of God and don't get to go often. But Easter Sunday my niece came by for me and I attended the good old church at Cantwell, Mo., of which I am a member. I had Brother Scoggins and Brother Underwood, our pastor, and the saints to pray for my face and the Lord healed me. The next morning my face was clear of the pimples. The saints will remember how I looked when I was prayed for. Praise His name forever.

Sunday night after I was prayed for a friend of my daughter's was here. When we were preparing for bed the devil said, Now you just kneel at the bed and pray for he is not a Christian, and about that time I remembered I had asked God to heal me and "obedience is better than sacrifice" came to my mind, so I said, No devil, I'll pray in the front room. I did, and again Tuesday night before this same young man, and my face is still healed. Bless His name.

Pray for my four daughters and son to be saved. I hope some one may profit by my mistakes. Pray that I'll not make so many.

The good Evangel is a welcome visitor at my home and always brings joy to my heart when I see it. It is true the best of things sometimes are done in the smallest packages.—Your sister in Christ, Julia LaChance.

Special Notice

If anyone has a new field on his heart and no one to go there, let me know about it, for I am given over to the Lord and willing to do His will. I am expecting to be in the Lord's work throughout the year. Anyone desiring my service may write me at East Marion, N. C. Pray for me to do His will and for the people at Creson.—Yours in Christ, O. M. McKinney.

VISIT TO NEW MEXICO, COLORADO, UTAH CONVENTION

April 9-11

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

I arrived at Monahans, Texas on Wednesday, the 7th, about 8:00 p. m. and was met by Brother V. B. Rains and wife who took me in their car forty-five miles north to Jal. We drove through a sand storm; incidentally, they were having the worst one for the season, as the farmers express it: "We met farms coming through the air", but arrived before services had been dismissed at the church. Thursday and Friday I spent in reading and answering mail. The Lord blessed in a good service Thursday night. Friday afternoon a number of the ministers and people had gathered for the convention—not so many preachers, as our work is small in this territory. I think all the ministers were present except some in Colorado. Not only had the dust filled the place but the glory of God was there. We had a wonderful meeting from the very first.

After the welcome which all felt, and response which were interrupted occasionally by shouts of victory, we were blessed with a soul-stirring message on the "New Birth." We surely felt a new touch of our relationship with the Father. In fact, every message given during the convention was good. I'm sure a detailed report will be given by some one else and I'll make my remarks more or less general. I certainly did appreciate the good reports given by the ministers. God has been blessing in the territory this Assembly year. They have had a number of good revivals with goodly numbers saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church. They have organized two new churches. Also have some church buildings under construction and have a number of prospective churches waiting. They have two state tents and Brother Douglas hardly sees how they can answer the many calls coming in. The ministers all seemed so encouraged and determined to work harder to do all they can this year. Of course, the revival season with tents is just now coming in. So with his good ministers and workers, we feel that you will be hearing more from this territory during the year.

We had a good mission service Sunday morning, but for some reason the churches had not brought a mission offering for the convention but they gave willingly as the Lord put it on their hearts, the final count being \$115.37, which more than doubled the amount they gave last year. God bless their hearts. Even last year we all thought the

offering was so good for such a few people, but God blesses us in giving to His Cause.

I do not know the number of subscriptions to the Evangel that were secured.

Sunday afternoon as I had to leave at noon (didn't even get to stay for the big basket dinner they had spread), some of the good sisters, however, heaped plenty on plates for our group so we took our dinner on the fly as we dashed away across the country one hundred and sixty-miles to catch the train that would make connections, putting me in Jacksonville two nights and two days later, just about two hours before my time on the program at the Annual Assembly of our colored people.

As I write this now those good rich western "Amens", "Glory to Gods", "Hallelujahs", are still ringing in my soul. God bless you every one. Just keep working all the year with that same holy zeal you have and keep a burden for lost souls and God will give you a great year and may you see many hungry hearts find the Lord out there in that open prairie and desert lands.

We appreciated having Brother and Sister L. T. Waters and the Burnett sisters present to help in the music and singing, also appreciated the visiting ministers from Texas.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," Matt. 7:7.

For the glory of God and for the encouragement of other mothers who may have drinking sons or husbands, I here give my testimony.

Last fall, while a meeting was in progress, my husband, who was a drunkard, was under conviction and would not yield but would just drink and drink, trying to fight off conviction. Our oldest daughter, who was led by the Holy Spirit, went to him one night at church and pled for his soul, but he would not give up. He just kept drinking. He would promise me again and again that he would quit but he would go to town almost every day and come home drunk. His life was so miserable he prayed to die, but God knew his condition and laid the burden upon me to fast and pray for my drunkard husband.

I went to him and said, "Charley, I am not going to eat or drink until God saves your soul. If it takes my life, I am ready to go." I went to my married daughter and told her about the burden God laid upon me. She was fixing to put in a quilt. I told her to let the quilt go and

help me pray that day for her father's soul. I went to the next neighbor and asked her to drop her work and pray with me for Charley's soul. I went to the next neighbor and told her God had led me to fast and pray for Charley's soul. She and I prayed together and she gave me some verses in the Bible to read. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him," Isa. 59:19. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens," Isa. 58:6.

I came back home and one of my sisters said, "Josie, your nerves are too weak for you to fast. If you don't quit worrying about Charley you are going to be insane." I told her that it was God who was with me. I was weak in body. I had gone through a serious operation in May, but God was able to take me through. Praise be to our God! I didn't fast but two days. On the afternoon of the second day God, for Christ's sake, saved my drunkard husband, gloriously saved him, and he is still on fire for God today, March 25, 1937. He was saved in November, 1936.

"And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" Luke 18:7.

I surely do praise God that today our home is a home of prayer and thanksgiving. May God bless this testimony that it may encourage some other mother or wife to pray and not to faint. Luke 18:1, Jesus said, "Men ought to pray and not to faint." Too many times we faint and give up to discouragement. May the blessed Lord increase our faith and teach us to pray, is my prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Josie Jones, Cherry Valley, Arkansas.

Healed Through Prayer

I thank and praise God for what He is to me. I thank Him for saving me from sin, sanctifying me through the blood of Jesus and filling me with the Holy Ghost and that with fire speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I thank God for His mighty healing power. He healed me of asthma through the prayers of the saints. If you trust Him there is nothing impossible for Him. He can do all things. I ask the prayers of the saints that I will stay humble and obey the Lord at all times.—Mrs. Marie Littlejohn (colored), Harlan, Ky.

The great trouble with Simon the sorcerer was that his heart was not right in the sight of God, and he wanted divine power bestowed upon him for a carnal purpose so he could make merchandise of God's power.

NOTICES

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ing event will be an all-day meeting on the grounds. In the past few years the school has been a great success and has drawn its student body from several states outside the New England group to which it is most easily accessible. Maine is known, and justly so, as the summer vacation land of the East. Thousands of fresh water, fish-bearing lakes nestle between noble timber-studded hills. The climate is cool enough to be enjoyable and the people are the most hospitable that can be found anywhere.

Appleton is a little village in the heart of this vacation land and is only a few hours' drive from Portland or the capital. The school is held in the summer camp owned by the Church of God. The faculty which is Spirit-filled and consecrated will be of inestimable value to every young person who desires Bible training or spiritual blessings. The people of New England urge you to attend their school and enjoy the blessings that are found there. The total cost will be only about \$1.50 a week, much less than one can expect to board for at home. Parents, send your children to an ideal summer school, one of the few opportunities offered by the Church of God. School closes Labor Day with the close of the state convention, which is held on the grounds. Come, you are welcome.—James Henning, 240 E. Montgomery St., Baltimore, Md.

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We have a good pastor but he can't be with us much. He has two churches to look after and he is twenty miles from here. He comes when he can. If some good evangelist sees this, go before God and if you feel led to come, come on. We need a God-sent man for a revival. Pray for us.—Pearl Hampton, clerk, Brodhead, Ky.

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The Alabama state convention will convene at Pratt City, Ala., May 6-9, beginning Thursday night at 7:30. Come one and all. Each pastor take up a good offering to go in the mission offering. Please don't fail us. If you do, you will feel bad, for there are some who are going to bring fifty dollars or more and you don't want to come without something. Please do your best. This is a special offering for missions above the five per cent.—G. C. Dunn, state overseer of Alabama, Sumiton, Ala.

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We are in a revival at Dunn, La. Mava Jean Morgan of Monroe is doing the preaching until Roy Blackwood of Morgantown, Miss. arrives. We are expecting him April 25. Please pray for this revival. We invite our neighboring

churches to come over and help us. May the Lord bless you.—O. B. Myrick, pastor.

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VISIT APPRECIATED

The Church of God in Haiti was very glad to receive Sisters Mary J. Dowling and Alice Sisk. They spent two weeks with us, March 16-30, and their presence has been a blessing to saints and sinners. We appreciate very much their visit and we appreciate also the visit of any good brethren as that proves to the people that we are not alone.—J. Vital Herne, overseer of Haiti.

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To whom it may concern: This is to certify that F. A. Hubbell is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee.

NOTICE

PRICES ADVANCING

Get your supply of song books before May 15. Prices will be as follows after that date: 35c per copy; \$9.00 per fifty; \$16.00 per hundred; \$3.00 per dozen. This change affects "Revival Favorites" and "His Glory in Song."

There will be an all-day service at Wilburn's Chapel, Tennessee, May 9. We will have a Mother's Day program. Bring a well-filled basket. We want to raise our aged ministers' quota that day, also an offering for missions.—L. J. Potts, pastor.

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I will be ready to evangelize this spring and summer. If you want me for a revival, write me so I can make the arrangements. I'll go just anywhere. I want to be a soul winner.—L. J. Potts, Rt. 5, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Note: Brother Potts has several different song ballads which he would like to dispose of. If you are interested correspond with him. We are sure he would appreciate it.

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The Church of God at Orangeburg, S. C. will have an all-day church rally on Mother's Day, May 9. You are welcome. Bring a well-filled basket. We plan to begin a revival that day also.—Geo. W. Cooper, pastor.

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The Church of God at Allens Chapel will have all-day service the first Sunday in May, and dinner on the ground. Brother Headley and other ministers are expected.—L. H. Brewer, pastor. Bates-

ville, Miss., Rt. 4.

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There will be a home coming at Beasley Chapel May 9. Everybody invited. Each member is expected to bring as much as \$1.00 for the new church building. We expect to have the services in the new tabernacle. We expect to raise our aged ministers' quota. Brother Buford Alford and other ministers are expected.—Frank Jernigan, clerk, Rt. 1, Ripley, Tenn.

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The North Carolina State Convention is to convene in the Armory Auditorium in the city of Charlotte, N. C. May 12-15. Every minister in the state is requested to attend. Let no engagement hinder you on this occasion. Fervent prayers are being offered for this occasion, and we are trusting for a great convention. The Lord has blessed us in years gone by, by favoring us with His power and presence. With humble messages delivered by men of God, these conventions have proven not only to be of great encouragement to our people, but very instructive as well. Time and efforts will not be spared for the success of this occasion. Not only are we looking for the ministers of North Carolina but the officials of the Church at large, besides visitors from other states. We trust each and every church in the state will be well represented with a delegation to this convention. Special songs, music, and special messages, in fact a well-filled program of interest awaits the attendants to this gathering. Don't forget the date, May 12-15. All are invited. We believe the Lord is coming soon and this could be our last state convention. As you read this ask the Lord to bless in North Carolina. We will look for you, D. V.—Humbly, John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina.

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The Church of God in Dyersburg, Tenn. has set the third Sunday in May to raise our aged ministers' fund. Those who can come, bring your 10c. If you can't come, please send yours on or before that time to the clerk, C. N. Autry, 711 Belle Ave., Dyersburg, Tenn. Some have paid theirs already; we are looking for yours soon.—Sincerely, J. B. Cole, pastor.

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To whom it may concern: We are now open for evangelistic calls. Write us.—Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Carpenter, Box 225, Midvale, Ohio.

The soul that employs faith to do all its ordering from heaven's supply house will always have its needs supplied, and will never have any orders turned down for lack of funds.

Death Notices

BUTLER

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Butler and claimed for its victim their darling baby boy, Billie Joe. He was born March 1, 1937 and died April 12, 1937, being only one month and eleven days. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Sheril, pastor of the Baptist church, and interment made in the Mountain Home cemetery. I ask the saints to remember the father and mother in prayer that they will look to God in this hour of sadness and that this might be the means of bringing them to Christ.—A friend, Vernon Hysaw, Bear Creek, Ala.

MILLER

On April 1 the death angel visited the home of Henry Miller and claimed his loving wife, who was a loyal member of the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by Brother Henry Swanson at the Church of God, Hubball, W. Va. and her body laid to rest in the Porter cemetery.—One who loved her, Mary Swanson.

DAVIDSON

Sister Mattie Isabelle Davidson was born June 16, 1889 and died Feb. 10, 1937. She was a member of the Church of God at Sharps Chapel. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Brother W. G. Mims of Vannsdale, Ark.—Mr. H. Parker, Vannsdale, Ark.

DOVER

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Dover of Titus, Ga. and claimed for its victim little Robert Clifton Dover, three years, eight months, and five days old. Funeral services were held at the home conducted by Brother John T. Duckett. The little body was laid to rest in the Boyd's Chapel cemetery.—A friend of little Robert's.

AARON

Brother Vernon Aaron was born May 12, 1907 and departed this life April 6, 1937, making his stay twenty-nine years, ten months, and six days. He was a good Christian and a fine teacher. The funeral was conducted by the writer and his body laid to rest in the Bernard cemetery.—C. F. Crank.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all my friends everywhere for their kindness and the many prayers during the sickness and

death of my husband. May God richly reward you.—Mary L. Henson, 1721 St. Luke Rd., Windsor, Ont., Canada.

REVIVAL

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—We have recently closed a revival here. The little church was erected about two months ago and is doing much good here. It is indeed being used as a great lighthouse to many souls. Brother W. E. Feltman is pastor of the church and is doing a great work. He is feeding his flock with the Word of God. Brother Vance Perkins and his wife conducted the services during the revival. They are now holding a revival at Patetown. They made many friends while here. Many received the blessing and ten were added to the church. The Lord wonderfully blessed me during the revival and showed me the light on the Church. I was one of the ten added to the church.

The Y. P. E. is growing fast and the young people are taking much interest in the meetings. The Willing Workers are also doing a great work. There is much to be done in Goldsboro and we need the prayers of all that there may be great work done in this city. Pray for Brother Feltman and his every effort here.—Agnes Williams, Rt. 4.

STATE CONVENTIONS

South Carolina	April 29-May 2
Alabama	May 6-9
North Carolina (Charlotte)	May 12-15
Indiana (Shelburn)	May 20-23
Ohio	May 28-31
Florida (Wimauma)	Camp Meeting June 3-13; Convention June 9-11.
Tennessee	June 10-13
Virginia (during camp meeting)	June 16-17.
West Virginia	June 18-20
Michigan	June 25-27
Pennsylvania (Somerset)	June 30-July 4
Northwest (Minot), N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo., Minn., Wis., Mont., Western Canada,	camp meeting July 1-11; convention July 8-11.
Kentucky (Somerset)	Aug. 20-22
Missouri	Aug. 27-29
Maine (Appleton) New England States, New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass., R. I., and Conn.	Sept. 1-5.
New York	Sept. 7-8
District of Columbia	Sept. 9
Oklahoma	July 9-11
Mississippi	July 16-18
Arkansas	Aug. 13-15
Montana (Bigtimber)	June 17-20
Iowa and Nebraska	July 13-15

Kansas	July 16-18
Illinois	July 20-22
Maryland	July 23-25
Georgia (Macon)	July 27-29
Louisiana	July 30-Aug. 1
Texas (Weatherford)	Aug. 5-8

BROADCASTS

Each Sunday Afternoon from 3:35 to 4:30 E. S. T.
Greenville S. C. Operates on 1300 Kilocycles
Earl Paulk, Pastor
Each Sunday from 5:00 to 5:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time
Wilmington, N. C., WMFD 1370 Kilocycles
H. T. Durden, Pastor
Thursday, 5:00-5:30 p. m. WWNC
Sponsored by
A. V. Childers, Pastor, Biltmore, N. C.
D. B. Yow, Pastor, W. Asheville, N. C.
Harrisburg, Ill., WEBQ 1210 Kilocycles
Monday, 3:00 to 3:45 p. m.
J. R. Thomas, Overseer
Charlotte, N. C., WSOC 1210 Kilocycles
Sunday, 4:30 p. m.; Thursday, 3:15 p. m.
W. T. Nelson, Pastor
KGDE Fergus Falls, Minn.
Tuesday & Thursday, 11 to 11:30 a. m. and
Saturday 11:00 to 11:45 a. m. 1200 kilocycles
H. L. Ramsey and party
Anderson, S. C., WAIM 2:00 p. m. to 2:45 p. m.
Each Saturday
J. C. Childers, Pastor
WIS, Columbia, S. C., 560 Kilocycles
Each Sunday, 8:30 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.
C. W. Dempsey, Pastor
Each Saturday Afternoon 2:00-2:30 WNOX 1010 Kilocycles
Knoxville, Tennessee
R. E. Hamilton and G. W. Hodges
Each Saturday at 3:45
C. of G. Y. P. E. String Band
Cumberland, Maryland
W. I. Bass, Pastor, Bayard, W. Va.
Pratt City, Ala., WAPI 1140 Kilocycles
Each weekday morning, 6:00 to 6:30
M. D. Harwood, Pastor
WSAZ Huntington, W. Va. 1190 kilocycles
Each Wednesday from 4 to 4:30 p. m.
M. M. Mortenson, pastor
WOPI Bristol, Tenn.
Each Saturday from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, 1500 kilocycles
R. C. Cook, pastor
WATL Atlanta, Ga.
Each Sunday 3:45 to 4:15 p. m. Central Standard Time 1370 kilocycles
To be increased soon to 500 watts
U. D. Tidwell, pastor

Requests

Please pray for the healing of my daughter, Mrs. Marvin Jones. The Lord has wonderfully healed her before.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. Julia M. Jones, Lithia, Fla., Rt. 1, Box 35a.

Dear saints, I feel a great need of prayer for the Church of God here. We have just started a revival, so please pray and fast, if you feel led, that it will be a success. Also pray for me, I know I'm not as close to the Lord as I have been. We are thankful for our pastor, Brother Lamb and his wife. They need your prayers also. Pray for the entire church, God knows our every need.—A member of the Church of God, Mac Deal, Thomasville, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. Also pray for my unsaved husband. I know God does hear and answer prayer.—Mrs. Katie Clay, Chester, Miss.

Please pray for my poor backslidden girl that she may see her condition. Pray that God will help her and her husband to raise their little girl in the way that is pleasing to the Lord. Also pray for my home that it will be a home of prayer.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. Lela Ammons, Ripley, Tenn.

Please pray for the church at Jena, La. Also pray for my sister-in-law to be healed of cancer. She believes God will heal her, she has the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I'll do the Lord's will.—A sister in Christ, Illa Keene, Good Pine, La.

Please pray for the healing of my body, and if you feel like it, please fast one meal for my healing.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Ollie Bowman, 914 11th St., W., Durham, N. C.

Please pray for God to heal Willie. He got his breast bone broken and is in a bad condition. Pray for me, I am down in my back. We need your prayers. Please pray for us, Brother Rouse, if you see this.—Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Rt. 1, Eva, Ala.

Please pray for my husband to be saved and that he will get light on holiness. He is a drunkard and I want him to be saved. I want to be saved too. Pray also for my mother, stepfather, brothers and sisters. Don't pass this by as we are sinners who need to be saved.—Mrs. O.

Roberson, Canton, N. C.

Please call my name in prayer, God knows all about it. If you are true blue and want to help me bear this burden, please fast and pray, pray, pray. I feel it it will take fasting. You who know me personally, I am depending on you.—A very weak sister in Christ, Mrs. Bernie F. Youngblood, Juniper, Ga.

Dear saints, we are in a battle at Davis Creek, W. Va. for God. The devil is really mad. Souls are under conviction, one backslider has been saved. Please pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, Stanley Prescott, exhorter, Gen. Del., Charleston, W. Va.

Please pray hard for me and my husband to get saved. My husband drinks, and I think it is so bad to raise our children that way. Also pray for my sister who is in a cold stage. Pray that she will get closer to God.—Mrs. Margie Gabeels, Clarksville, Ga.

Please pray for my wife, she is very sick with pleurisy and poisoned kidney.—Your brother, W. R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

Please have special prayer for a sister in the Lord, Mae Smith of Ft. Meade, Fla. She has had bad health for a long time. Pray that her faith will be strengthened so she can trust God completely.—A sister, Ruby J. Davis, Bartow, Fla.

Please pray a prayer at once for my ten-year-old boy. He stuck a large stick in his foot. The doctors got it out but they had to take three or four stitches and give him a serum for lockjaw. Pray that God will heal him and no infection will set in. Also remember me when you pray, I am still bothered with appendicitis. I thank each one who is praying for me. Pray that I will receive the blessing and be completely healed.—Mrs. Dan Bennett, Homerville, Ga.

Dear saints everywhere, I want you to pray for me as I am going through some hard trials and temptations. I want to live for Jesus and do what is right. I also have an unspoken request. Please fast and pray for me. I have the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church.—A sister in Christ, Annie E. Yeo, West Devon, P. E. I., Canada.

Please pray for my little niece as she has diphtheria. Also pray for my little nephew who swallowed a large button, he seems to be very sick.—Your sister in Christ, Lillian Poole, East Marion, N. C.

Please pray for this place, it is a new field. Pray that people will get so hungry that they will accept God. Please pray a special prayer for my husband that he will be saved, also help me pray for two families here that they will be saved.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. M. T. Batchelor, Malvern, Ark., Rt. 1, Box 117.

We haven't much of a church here so pray for it. The devil has tempted me so much more since I got away from a good church but we are all tempted in these last days. Also remember to pray for all the unsaved ones of our family.—A sister in Christ, Lula Mae Dedge, Haylow, Ga.

Please pray for the revival at Wheaton, Minn. We have nice crowds and good interest. Brother Joseph Kissner is preaching and the Olson quartet is doing the singing. Also pray for the revival at Everdell, Minn. They are also having nice crowds and good interest. The Ramsey band is in charge. Please remember my wife in prayer as she is not well.—H. E. Ramsey, overseer of Minnesota.

A revival is now going on at the new Church of God in Greeneville, Tenn. God is wonderfully blessing, many are at the altar. Please earnestly pray that God will wonderfully bless and save souls.—Albert Teaster, 320 Highland Ave., Greeneville, Tenn.

Please pray earnestly for me to get sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost and for my husband to get saved. He is a drunkard so you know what I have to put up with. Also pray for my two brothers-in-law and one brother who are drunkards. Please pray for my mother and sisters.—Mrs. T. L. Cafe, Clarksville, Ga.

Please pray earnestly for my son, he is sick out in the CCC camp at Watsonville, Calif., Company 3785. He is a long ways from me. Pray until your prayers go through.—His mother, Mattie Cleghorn, Dowdy, Ark.

Dear saints, at present I am going through a real test. My husband once had salvation but let the enemy get the best of him. Please help me pray that God will convict and save his soul and send him back home. I don't have a family, only one little orphan boy I am raising. Please pray that He will help me overcome.—A sister in Christ, Synthia Eastridge, Landville, W. Va.

Please pray that the Lord will heal my body.—Yours for God, J. W. Leslie, Box 8, Bonny Blue, Va.

We are in a good revival with Virgil Topscott in charge. He is preaching the old-time gospel and God is blessing. The house and altar are full and the fire is burning. Saints are working hard and they have the victory. Twelve or thirteen have prayed through in two weeks and the end is not yet. Please join us in prayer for this meeting.—Solomon Scalf, 139 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

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Pray for Sister Polly Young to be healed. She had flu and pneumonia and now she is so weak she can't speak above a whisper.—A friend, Mrs. I. Hudson, Rt. 2, Jasper, Ga.

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Dear saints, please pray earnestly for my body to be healed, if it is God's will. I am suffering with my side, head, liver and kidneys. Please don't pass this by. I am seventy-six years old.—A sister in Christ, Wimauma, Fla.

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Please pray for me to be healed of a bad nervous condition, also something like eczema on my hands, which I have been bothered with for years. Please pray for my mother.—Mrs. Carl Thompson, Clyde, N. C.

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Dear saints, about three months ago I was burned very badly. My clothes caught fire and I was burned from the back of my knees up over my kidneys and both of my hands were burned very badly. Jesus undertook and healed me in a little over three weeks by much prayer. Just after that another affliction set up and the devil has been working hard. I request the saints to remember me in prayer when they pray.—A sister in Christ, Violet Stewart, Eccles, W. Va.

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Please pray for me, I have some kind of hurting around my heart. I know the Lord can heal. Pray for me to hold to His unchanging hand and stand true. Pray for my family to get saved and that God will send a Church of God preacher to this place.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. R. A. White, R. F. D., Donalsonville, Ga.

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Dear saints, my body is afflicted so badly. I don't know what is wrong. I am trusting God. My sight is bad and I get very sick sometimes. Please pray until your prayers go through that the Lord will have His way. I would like to be healed. Thanks to everyone who even uttered a word of prayer for me. Pray for me to get closer to Him. I have a companion and children out in sin, please pray for them. Please pray a special prayer for my little girl. Her tonsils are bothering her. I know the Lord is able to heal her. This little girl has been healed

fifteen times.—Mrs. Lummie Hebb, St. George, W. Va.

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I ask every saint of God to pray for the healing of my body. I am almost suffering death with an inward cancer. If you feel led to fast and pray a day, please do so. If you feel led to send me an anointed handkerchief, it will be appreciated.—Mrs. W. A. Barlow, Utica, Miss.

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Pray a special prayer for my baby. He has whooping cough. I am trusting the Lord.—Bernice Gentry, Ranger, Ga.

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Please pray for the healing of my body. I have nervous stomach trouble and other ailments. I have an unspoken request. Pray for my unsaved father, mother, brothers and sisters to be saved.—L. J. Potts, Rt. 5, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

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I want all the saints to pray for me to be healed of T. B. and saved and added to the Church of God.—Matthew Keli, Clayton, Ga.

MISSION PAGE

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rect line of communication between our two farthest outposts. This means nearly a four days' trip by automobile and horseback to make the trip, as it is some of the most rugged and mountainous country to be found anywhere in the world. We have a wonderful opportunity to do mission work in this country if we had a few more good missionaries trained in the language.

From Guatemala I sailed for Panama, making a brief port call at La Libertad, El Salvador. Arriving at Balboa I met and conferred with our representative there, who is Brother Boliver De Souza. The writer made a visit to this place on the return from this world tour last year and organized a small church. We have a regular hall rented for meetings now, and have services at regular intervals in the Methodist mission which has opened its doors to us.

While at Balboa I was again accorded the free use of the U. S. Army, high-powered radio station, and sent a message of greeting to the Evangel readers and stated that I would follow up with a letter. Continuing through the Panama Canal by ship, I disembarked at Cristobal, where I was received as a guest at The American Bible Society Missionary Home. We are in meeting with our folks at Colon, which is just across the line in

the Republic of Panama. Brother Joseph N. Cumberbatch is in charge of the work there, with the writer preaching in English and Spanish by sentences, for the benefit of the mixed congregation. We are closing our meetings here for the present, and I am sailing tomorrow D. V. on the S. S. "Simon Bolivar" of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Line for Barbados, making port calls in the Dutch West Indies, Colombia, and Venezuela in South America, and Trinidad B. W. I. From Barbados I take the S. S. "Cuba" of the French Line going to Europe. That is as far as I have any definite arrangements made for my itinerary, but it is destined to take me on another round-the-world tour touching some forty countries. We will concentrate our efforts in places where we have work established or plan to open missions, with a view to strengthening our foreign outposts and to find open doors for some of our splendid missionaries who are already in the making, and will soon expect to be sailing the seven seas, if Jesus tarries, and as the means are provided. You can not jump up nowadays and run ahead to launch a work in a given field with nothing prearranged, that is, generally speaking. Of course God can make a way, but we should not presume upon the will of God to work some kind of miracle, when it comes to things we are expected to do in the natural. The restrictions are so great as affects new missionaries entering certain fields today, that it virtually amounts to a closed door. So we need prayer. God bless every one of you. There should be something in the missionary page each week, so come on, you brethren, on the various fields, let us hear from you as regards the work of the Lord in your corner of the vineyard. I will let you hear from me occasionally, but I do not want to take up too much space, as I want to hear from others of you.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM BROTHER INGRAM

To my correspondents: Please bear with me if my answers are delayed in reaching you on account of my long trip abroad. Any thing directly concerning the Mission Board should be sent to Zeno C. Tharp, Secretary. Articles intended for publication should be so marked. Also please be patient with Brother Tharp, if he is slow in answering, as he is very busy with his Bible School where he serves as Superintendent of the Central School and as Superintendent of Education. He is also indirectly, with the General Overseer, charged with the oversight of several other schools throughout the States. He carries out his secretarial work as a love-service—without pay.

The Tribulation Period

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determined."

How long this period was to last Daniel did not tell us, but it has lasted almost two thousand years.

The 27th verse is where we get our first information concerning the tribulation week. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." If we notice, this tribulation period is divided into two periods of three and one-half weeks each. The first period is to be a period of deception, the last period is to be one of tyranny and martyrdom. Dan. 7:25-28, "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of times." The 27th and 28th verses refer to the destruction of Antichrist and the giving of the kingdom over into the hands of the saints by Jesus their great Leader.

Dan. 11:21-23, "And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people."

In Dan. 9:27 the time given to Antichrist is seven years, or one week. At the time of the rapture and when Antichrist has taken his seat, the Jews will have been gathered back to Jerusalem. He will make a covenant with them for seven years. In fact, he will make a league or covenant with every nation and in the midst of these seven years the Jews find out by his wickedness that he is not the Christ. They first accept him as their Messiah and it is at this time that they break their covenant with him. Antichrist makes a demand that everybody worship him and in Revelation 13:11-16 we have a description of the working powers of the false prophet, and this abomination spoken of in the 27th verse is the changing of the Jewish worship from the offering of the lamb to that of swine's flesh which has always been held in contempt by the Jews.

Dan. 11:32 refers to the deception of the beast and his flattery but the people

that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. The latter part of this verse refers to the tribulation saints and not to the saints of the rapture.

Dan. 12:11, 12, "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days."

Many people take these scriptures and teach that the tribulation is only three and one-half years. The first three and one-half years is taken up with the reestablishment of trade and getting everything on a paying basis. The last three years and a half are what is known as the period of great tribulation. The beast will not pay much attention to religion the first three and one-half years, but in the midst of the week he will make his decree and claim that he is God. The Jews will know better and all Christians except the 144,000 Jews will be slain. From the breaking of the second seal (Rev. 6:3, 4) is twelve hundred and sixty days, three years and a half, and dating from the same event is the period of twelve hundred and ninety days, an addition of thirty days, Dan. 12:11. Again forty-five days are added and with them the promise of verse 12. No account is directly given of that which occupies the interval of the seventy-five days between the end of the tribulation and the full blessing, but it is supposed to be a clean-up period. The beast is destroyed and the Gentile world dominion ends by the smiting of the stone cut out without hand. At the end of the twelve hundred and sixty days the earth is filled with debris and war implements of the beast and his armies. The earth is to be made ready for the peaceful reign of Christ and every cannon and every sword and every war chariot will be burned and every bone buried. Ezek. 39:15.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES CONCERNING THE MAN OF SIN

Paul's man of sin, 2 Thess. 2:3-8, is called the son of perdition. John 5:43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive." Here Jesus is giving the Jews to understand that they would receive one that would come in his own name and this has direct reference to the man of sin spoken of in Rev. 13:1. Many are teaching today that the Catholic church or the pope is Antichrist but the scripture will not bear out this teaching. In 1 John 4:3 we find that every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God and this is the spirit of Anti-

christ. Now we know that the Catholic church teaches that Jesus was the Son of God and that He has come in the flesh. They have never denied God. I am not in favor of their doctrine and their priestly assumption but according to their belief and according to the Word of God the pope nor the Catholic organization could be Antichrist.

Protestant commentaries insist that the papal system is described in Rev. 17:4, 5 under the figure of a woman arrayed in purple and scarlet, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. This is true, but this woman, the mother of harlots, riding on the scarlet colored beast is represented by many theologians to be Antichrist. Now if the beast she rides on is Antichrist then the woman cannot be Antichrist because they are separate and do not signify the same thing. The woman does represent the Catholic church who will finally give her power to the beast and she has the wine of the blood of the martyrs; but the beast is spoken of as a person and the Bible plainly tells us where he will come from.

In Rev. 11:7, "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them." Here Jesus plainly states to John that the beast will come out of the bottomless pit.

Rev. 17:8, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." Here we have another reference of the beast coming out of the bottomless pit.

In studying the history of many true authors we find that this man of sin spoken of here is one of the seven kings and Eusebius and Seiss tell us that he was Antiochus Epiphanes and was an Assyrian king. All four of these kingdoms finally reverted back and culminated into the Roman kingdom and it is believed by many that the revival of the Roman Fascist movement that seems now destined to sweep the world will finally have as its emblem the ax and bundle of sticks which was the emblem of Antiochus Epiphanes. Many are teaching today that Mussolini is the beast; some think that Hitler is the beast. I do not believe that any of these rulers that are in power today is the man of sin spoken of in the Bible, but I believe they are forerunners, and especially two of them have every earmark of Antichrist. The entire world is heading up under this awful power. Antichrist will not come denouncing religion as

some believe but he will come with a mild form, or, in other words, in his government he will allow the Jews and Christians to worship God during the first three years and a half.

To say the least of it, with the confusion that is now in every nation in the world and with the study of the great men in every government to solve the problems and to make reconciliation between labor and capital and the setting aside of heartfelt religion by the millions who profess to know God, is nothing more than the index finger pointing to the coming of the man of sin, Rev. 6:1, 2.

CONTRASTS

1. CHRIST came from ABOVE.
1. Christ came from above. John 6:38.
Antichrist ascends from the pit. Rev. 11:7.
2. Christ came in His Father's name. John 5:43.
Antichrist comes in his own name. John 5:43.
3. Christ humbled Himself. Phil. 2:8.
8. Antichrist exalts himself. 2 Thess. 2:4.
4. Christ despised. Isa. 53:3; Luke 23:18.
Antichrist admired. Rev. 13:3, 4.
5. Christ exalted. Phil. 2:9.
Antichrist cast down to hell. Isa. 14:14, 15; Rev. 19:20.
6. Christ to do His Father's will. John 6:38.
Antichrist to do his own will. Dan. 11:36.
7. Christ came to save. Luke 19:10.
Antichrist comes to destroy. Dan. 8:24.
8. Christ is the Good Shepherd. John 10:4-15.
Antichrist is the idol (evil) shepherd. Zech. 11:16, 17.
9. Christ is the "True Vine." John 15:1.
Antichrist is the "vine of the earth." Rev. 14:18.
10. Christ is the "Truth." John 14:6.
Antichrist is the "lie." 2 Thess. 2:11.
11. Christ is the "Holy One." Mark 1:24.
Antichrist is the "lawless one." 2 Thess. 2:8, R. V.
12. Christ is the "Man of Sorrows." Isa. 53:3.
Antichrist is the "man of sin." 2 Thess. 2:3.
13. Christ is the "Son of God." Luke 1:35.
Antichrist is the "son of perdition." 2 Thess. 2:3.
14. Christ, "The Mystery of Godliness," is God manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3:16.

Antichrist, "the mystery of iniquity," will be Satan manifest in the flesh. 2 Thess. 2:7.

The best proof that the rapture has taken place before this tribulation week begins is in the fourth and fifth chapters of Revelation. There is not a seal broken up to the sixth chapter. The breaking of the first seal brings Antichrist and the raptured saints are pictured around the throne of God in these two chapters, four and five, before the first seal is broken. It is three years and a half from the breaking of the first seal to the breaking of the second seal. "Horse" in the Scripture represents power and this red horse takes peace from the earth. The sixth chapter of Revelation takes up the scenes up to the breaking of the sixth seal. In the seventh chapter, verses 1-3, an angel comes out and calls a halt to all the destruction that the breaking of the seals have brought, until God can seal the remnant of His people, verses 4-8. These are all Jews and it is believed by many that this sealing is the real Holy Ghost. As the beast places a mark on his subjects, so God seals His. Eph. 1:13 and 4:30 speaks of the sealing of the Holy Ghost. This is enough to prove that the Holy Ghost is spoken of as a seal and it is thought by many that this is the same sealing that the 144,000 Jews received and they are kept by God's power from the beast until God has fulfilled His plan and brought to pass the destruction of the beast and his powers.

The two witnesses spoken of in Rev. 11:3 preach the everlasting gospel to the tribulation saints and many receive their message and in turn give their lives. Many teach today that Revelation is all figurative but every scene spoken of from the sixth chapter to the nineteenth is literal. There are some few things that may be termed figurative but hail and the bitter water, the smiting of the sun, the falling of the stars, the opening of the bottomless pit, and the armies that come out, which are demons and torment men, the slaying of the third part of all the living things on earth, certainly are real happenings. This will be an awful time as the beast has sealed his subjects and they have to worship him in order to buy and sell or to live, but when these awful calamities are poured out everything that hasn't the Lord's seal will suffer from these awful things. It is then that those living will realize what it means to have the sealing of the Lord. The standard is true holiness for all who escape these awful things during the tribulation week. Not only those who are in the first resurrection must be blessed and holy but those who are able to stand during the tribulation week. They are called the gleanings of the harvest and will be gathered up to heaven after the

death of the two prophets in the last half of the tribulation week, and will descend on the clouds of heaven with Jesus to reign a thousand years, Rev. 11:16.

In Rev. 15:2-4 we have the description of those who had gotten the victory over the beast and they stood as it were on a sea of glass and sang the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. It is believed by many that only the tribulation saints will be able to sing this new song around the throne. The 144,000 who have been kept by the power of God no doubt will be able to join them as they sing this song. As they listen and long for deliverance the music breaks through the clouds and they join in the chorus of the song of the Lamb, and as Jesus descends on the clouds of heaven and the holy hosts triumph over the horse and his rider, Antichrist, it is then that perfect redemption will be restored to the earth and all the inhabitants thereof will be holy.

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row, persecution and tribulation that came to the church at Corinth. He comforts them by telling them to be clothed with righteousness and humility that they may not be found naked. To contend for the doctrines and principles laid down by Jesus Christ and strictly adhere to them with brotherly love will certainly clothe us with righteousness. There has never been a time when so much false doctrine and teaching was abroad as it is today. The Church certainly should put forth every effort to teach the doctrine and principles handed down to us by Jesus Christ and those who labored with Him, and if we are ready to meet Jesus when He comes this will have to be the standard.

Revival

WAR, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God for victory in my soul, for our good revival that God has blessed us with, and for sending the good evangelist, Brother Clarence Simmons of Pulaski, to conduct the revival. God surely did bless and the mighty power of God was here in a great way. Twenty were saved, seventeen sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-four added to the church followed by a water baptism Sunday, April 11. God was with us at the waterside. We also praise God for our good pastor, Brother G. G. Williams. Pray for us at War.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. R. W. Phillips.

The one who points out our failures to us all the time and never points to our successes is taking a poor course to help us get rid of the failures.

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